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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/942,893
Applicant(s): Hironori SUMITOMO and Noriyuki OKISU
For: IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS
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Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, which provides for a response period ending November 25, 2004.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for two additional months to January 25, 2005, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.